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APPLICANT: Chen et al.
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FOR: CATALYST FOR OXACYLATION AND USE OF SAME

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AMENDMENT

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated January 22, 2002 of the above-referenced application. Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 20 as follows:

1. (thrice amended) A catalyst for oxacylation to produce allyl acetate, which comprises 0.1 to 5.0 weight % of palladium metal as the main catalyst, gold metal, and 0.01 to 5.0 weight % of tin metal as the promoter, based on the weight of said porous carrier, in combination with an alkali metal compound, supported on the outer surface of a porous carrier, wherein the total content of gold metal and tin metal is in the range of 0.01 to 5.0 weight %, with the proviso that the catalyst excludes transition metals other than palladium, tin and gold.